

LASER LEVEL**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of US Application Serial No. ^{U.S. Patent No. 6,914,930} 10/277,474, filed October 22, 2002, now [^]pending, which in turn derives priority under 35
5 USC § 119(e) from US Application Serial No. 60/384,673, filed on May 31, 2002.

Field of the Invention

[0002] This invention relates generally to laser instruments and specifically to laser
levels with additional non-leveling capabilities.
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Background of the Invention

[0003] Laser levels have been used in construction for many years. They typically
seek to produce a plane of light for a reference for construction projects. Laser levels have
been used for large scale construction projects like commercial excavating, laying
15 foundations, and installing drop ceilings. Laser levels save considerable time during
initial layout of a construction job compared to other tools such as beam levels, chalk
lines, or torpedo levels. Some examples of jobs where laser levels would be useful
include laying tile, mounting cabinets, installing counter tops, and building outdoor
decks.

20 [0004] It is an object of the present invention to provide a laser level that is
inexpensive and usable by the general public.